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COUNCIL WORK SESSION

MAY 4, 2020

The Work Session for the Batesburg-Leesville Town Council was held in Building B of the Town Hall Complex May 4, 2020. Mayor Shull called the meeting to order at 6:03 P. M. Members present were Mayor Shull, Council Member Etheredge, Gambrell, Cain, Mitchell, Wise, Prouse, and Hall. Council Member Lemon was absent. The meeting was held through Zoom.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Council Member Prouse.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Council Member Gambrell.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Etheredge to approve. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE: 8 Approved 0 Denied

NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion Regarding Council Priorities Relating to Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Budget

Town Manager Luckadoo opened the meeting by stating that at this time we would like for Council to discuss new priorities they would like to see be done in the new fiscal year. Things they feel that are the most important. He reviewed the current year's spending priorities, identified during last year's budget planning. The priorities this year were the ongoing water project, sidewalks, downtown revitalization, improved public safety in troubled areas of town, and workforce technical skills and training. Many of these projects are ongoing and asked Town Council to inject new priorities.

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Individual members of Council gave suggestions. After much discussion, Town Council identified numerous potential priorities after which they were asked to choose their top choice by affixing brightly colored adhesive dots next to the preferred items.

The following items were identified in the survey as the top budget priorities for the 2020/2021 budget in three categories and the ** identifies the final top priorities.

Utility Department

Fats, oil, grease ordinance

Automated Meter Reading

Water Project**

Wastewater Treatment System Infiltration/Inflow**

GIS Collection System**

General Fund

Staffing and pay – for recruiting and retention**

5-Year Budget Capital Needs**

Improve Traffic

Sidewalks on Line Street

Paving Line Street

Fiscal Responsibility Ordinance

3-Year Rolling Budget

Façade Grant

IT Position

Facility Improvements (Town Hall Roof, Batesburg Fire Department and Police Department Roof)**

H-Tax

Improvements to Downtown (Engineering)

Improve Street Lighting

Improve Town Parks (Engineering)**

Town Entrance Signs**

Christmas Lights**

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Etheredge to adjourn at 7:45 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.


Vote: 8 Approved 0 Denied

Approved this 11th day of May 2020.



Lancer D. Shull, Mayor

ATTEST:



Judy E. Edwards
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Town Clerk